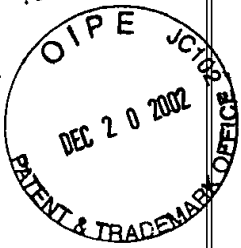


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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/909,797

Filed: July 23, 2001

For: COMPOSITIONS OF
POLYSACCHARIDES DERIVED
FROM HEPARIN, THEIR
PREPARATION AND
PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING
THEM

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 17.

Please amend claims 2, 10, 18, 20, and 44–46 as follows:

2. (Amended) A composition comprising at least one alkali or alkaline-earth metal salt of at least one sulphated polysaccharide of heparin in which the alkali or

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